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National Conference on Business Excellence, AI and Cybersecurity

&

Presentation of Golden Peacock Awards

MAY 15 –16, 2026, HOTEL NOVOTEL VISAKHAPATNAM VARUN BEACH
ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA

Theme:

Leadership in the Age of AI and Cyber Risk:
Driving Trust, Security and Business Excellence

****PROGRAMME**

FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 2026
VENUE:- HOTEL NOVOTEL VISAKHAPATNAM VARUN BEACH, ANDHRA PRADESH

	Registration and Welcome Tea/ Coffee Refreshments	**0830 – 0915 hrs**
Plenary Session – I	**Inaugural Session**	**0930 – 1100 hrs**
	Lighting of the Lamp	
	Release** of Convention **Souvenir	
	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	**1100 – 1130 hrs**

Plenary Session - II	**The Global Business Landscape: Strategy and Competitiveness in an Era of Rapid Change** *Leadership Question: Which global forces are shaping business?* • *How global economic shifts are reshaping business strategy and industry competitiveness* • *Supply chain resilience and strategic agility in an uncertain global environment* • *Technology disruption and its impact on global business models* • *Strengthening enterprise resilience through innovation and strategic foresight* • *Leadership perspectives on sustaining long-term growth amid global uncertainty* ***(Q & A) Interaction with audience***	**1130 – 1230 hrs**
Plenary Session - III	**Driving Business Excellence in the Intelligent Enterprise** *Leadership Question: How should enterprises achieve excellence?* • *The evolving meaning of Business Excellence in a largely digital and technology-driven economy* • *Integrating AI and data-driven intelligence into enterprise strategy and decision-making* • *Enhancing productivity, efficiency and competitiveness through digital transformation* • *Building high-performing and future-ready organisations*	**1230 – 1330 hrs**

- *Talent, skills and leadership capabilities for the next generation enterprise*

(Q & A) Interaction with audience

	LUNCH BREAK	**1330 – 1430 hrs**

Plenary Session – IV	**AI for Competitive Advantage: Transforming Industries and Business Models**	**1430 – 1530 hrs**

Leadership Question: How can AI create competitive advantage for Boards?

- *Leveraging AI to enhance productivity, innovation and operational efficiency*
- *AI-enabled transformation across manufacturing, services and the digital economy*
- *Moving up from pilot projects to enterprise-wide AI adoption*
- *AI-driven customer intelligence, analytics and predictive business strategies*
- *Governance, ethical considerations and responsible AI deployment*

(Q & A) Interaction with audience

	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	**1530 – 1600 hrs**

Plenary Session –V	**Business Excellence and Cyber Resilience: Securing the Digital Enterprise**	**1600 – 1700 hrs**

Leadership Question: How do we secure the digital enterprise?

- *Cybersecurity as a core pillar of enterprise risk management and governance*
- *Protecting enterprise worth, data and intellectual capital in the digital age*
- *Building resilient organisations through proactive cyber risk management*
- *Integrating cybersecurity into business continuity and operational excellence*
- *Leadership responsibility in managing cyber threats and safeguarding digital ecosystems*

(Q & A) Interaction with audience

Plenary Session – VI	**Leadership Dialogue: Building Trusted and Future-Ready Enterprises**	**1700 – 1800 hrs**

Leadership Question: What leadership is needed for the future?

- *Leadership priorities in an increasingly intelligent and interconnected economy*
- *Balancing innovation, security and responsible technology adoption*
- *Strengthening trust in the digital economy among customers, investors and stakeholders*
- *Strategic collaboration between government, industry and technology ecosystems*
- *The future role of leadership in a rapidly transforming business environment*

(Q & A) Interaction with audience

	RECEPTION & NETWORKING BREAK *(All delegates are requested to be seated by 1850 hrs)*	**1800 – 1900 hrs**

Plenary Session - VII	**GOLDEN PEACOCK** AWARDS NITE	**1900 – 2000 hrs**

*Presentation of **Golden Peacock Awards for***
'AI Excellence', 'Business Excellence', 'Quality', 'Training'
& Innovative Product / Service' – 2026

BANQUET DINNER	**2000 hrs**

SATURDAY, 16TH MAY, 2026
VENUE:- HOTEL NOVOTEL VISAKHAPATNAM VARUN BEACH, ANDHRA PRADESH

	Welcome Tea/ Coffee Refreshments	**0800 - 0845 hrs**
Plenary Session - VIII Concurrent Sessions	***Golden Peacock Excellence Model*** *Success Stories on 'Business Excellence' 'Training' & 'Quality'*	**0900 – 1130 hrs**

TEA & COFFEE BREAK	**1130 – 1200 hrs**

Plenary Session – IX	**From Strategy to Execution: Building Future-Ready and High-Performance Enterprises**	**1200 – 1300 hrs**

Leadership Question: How can organisations translate strategy into steady execution and measurable business excellence?

- *Bridging the gap between strategy, technology adoption and on-ground execution in as era of rapid change*
- *Adopting a culture of performance, accountability and continual improvement*
- *Aligning people, processes and technology to drive enterprise-wide excellence and coping with disruption*
- *Measuring business excellence: KPIs, outcomes and long-term value creation*
- *Scaling innovation and digital initiatives for sustained competitive advantage*

(Q & A) Interaction with audience

LUNCH BREAK	**1300 – 1400 hrs**

Plenary Session - X Concurrent Sessions	***Golden Peacock Excellence Model*** *Success Stories on 'Innovative Product / Service' & 'AI Excellence'*	**1400 – 1630 hrs**
Plenary Session – XI	**Closing Remarks**	**1630 – 1640 hrs**

HIGH TEA	**1640 – 1700 hrs**

---------------------------The Programme Ends------------------------

** *Subject to change and modification*